

CITIZENS

Spoke of the Evils of the Proxy System.

Judge J. A. Kohler and Mr. O. C. Barber

Say The Board of Commissioners Is a Political Machine.

They Drove This Fact Home to the Taxpayers of Akron.

"There is too much politics," said Judge J. A. Kohler, in speaking of Akron's Proxy form of government before the Economic League recently; "too much looking to the prosperity of party rather than to the prosperity of the people. The City Commissioner law may have been all right in theory, but it has drifted into a political machine. We pay 2.58 tax upon our property. Can you put your finger on the improvement? Where does our money go?"

Who questions that Judge Kohler spoke the truth? He might have said also, that the Proxy system goes even beyond the political party. It bolsters up the personal political machine of one man.

When men speak as citizens and not as partisans they invariably denounce the machine which has drained the public treasury. And more and more, in municipal elections especially, they are voting as citizens and not as partisans. It is the votes which count. The most eloquent orator might point out to the people the evil of the Commissioner law and the Proxy system, but if the citizens still voted to continue that form of government and those methods, what would it avail?

The City Commissioners would continue just as they have done in the past, to conduct their office in the interests of the political machine. They would do again just as they did last year—spend \$8000 for inspection of work which they are supposed to inspect themselves—appointing political followers to perform the duties for which they are so amply paid.

Can any one believe that Mr. O. C. Barber was telling what he did not know to be true when he touched on local municipal affairs in a recent discussion before the Economic League?

East Market st. people know only too well the truth of what Mr. Barber said. Read his own words:

"Without depreciating the talent of your City Commissioners, I am inclined to the opinion that the men selected by the city to manage so large a tax

duplicate as you have in the City of Akron are not usually well selected on account of their ability for such work. It is pretty good evidence of a man's ability in financial matters, that he, himself, has some financial standing, or has accumulated a sufficient amount of money to give him a financial responsibility. I dare say, that the joint taxes of the Councilmen and Commissioners of the city of Akron, would not aggregate \$500. Therefore, does it not look ridiculous that the question of expert levying and distributing so large an amount of money as is collected in Akron, by taxation, should be left to men who have so little financial interest in the matter themselves?"

"As I stated before, I do not mean by this suggestion, to depreciate the talent or ability of any of the City Commissioners in their own respective lines of business, but I do not, as one, care to choose that sort of men to manage my financial business. I AM PROMPTED TO THIS CONCLUSION FROM THE HEAVY TAX WE PAY, AND THE LITTLE BENEFIT WE GET FROM IT."

"During the last summer while they were laying the pavement on Market street, I took considerable interest in watching the work. For incompetency of city management, I never saw its equal. It sometimes occurs that incompetency may be justly construed into dishonesty. An examination of the pavement in several places between High street and the railroad bridge can be made, and if I am wrong, I will pay all the expenses of the examination. While the bed was being prepared for the pavement, in many places I noticed they were using dirt or soil instead of sand or gravel, to cover over the slag and in no place that I saw, was the quantity of slag used that which was called for in the ordinance. I think this is the third time we have absolutely been wrong on Market street, by paying contractors, and if on Market st. the same may be applied to other streets—but I ask your pardon for this diversion."

BUILDING BOOM

Has Been Revived by Approaching Spring—Business Block on S. Main Street—New Residences Planned.

A modern four-story brick block will be erected on S. Main st., by Peterson & Wright, wholesale feed merchants.

Plans for the structure are being prepared by Architect F. O. Weary. Construction of the building will commence within a few weeks.

A lot 40x100 feet has been purchased near the Brewster crossing. The entire building will be devoted to the business in which the owners will be engaged. The location is an excellent one as it gives splendid shipping facilities. The block will cost \$10,000.

The same architect has made pre-

liminary plans for a fine residence which will be erected by Mr. Fred Miller on W. Market st. It will be one of the best in that end of the city.

Other residences to be built are as follows: George Newcombe, \$2,000; Edward Bunnell, \$3,500; Mark Hayne, \$5,000; George Warner, \$8,000; Fred Stelkar, \$2,000; William Weber, \$2,000; Crannell Morgan, \$3,000.

AN OFFICE BUILDING. Local contractors have received plans and specifications for an office building which will be erected by the Colonial Salt Co. It will be located near the plant at Halo. The structure will be an ornamental shingle affair.

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On Duty Again!

Mr. H. A. Kasson, having concluded his work in Washington, is again on duty at the Kasson Undertaking rooms, and all business will from this time on receive Mr. Kasson's personal and undivided attention.

While in the East, Mr. Kasson added some entirely new features and improvements to the practice of his profession, and those wanting the very best in Undertaking, Embalming and Funeral Service, should not fail to see him.

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DEATH

Of Young Man at Summit—
News Notes.

(Special Correspondence.)

Summit, March 26.—Earl Monnah, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James Sweeten, died at their home Sunday. Interment at Youngstown.

Ross Kepler, of the Northern Ohio Traction Co., spent Sunday at home. Herbert Rettle, student in the Actual Business college, will remain at home this week.

Mrs. Mary Wagoner removed to Akron, Tuesday.

Joe Nearhood will remove from this place to the Swinehart farm in Coventry, Thursday.

Otis Kreighbaum, who has been working in Akron during the winter, has come home to work on the farm this summer.

\$500 REWARD.
We will pay the above reward for any case of Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation or Colic, which we cannot cure with Liveria, the Up-to-Date Little Liver Pill, when the directions are strictly complied with. They are purely Vegetable and never fail to give satisfaction. See boxes contain 10 pills. See boxes contain 40 pills. See boxes contain 100 pills. Beware of substitutions and imitations. Sent by mail, stamps taken. **NEVITA MEDICAL CO.** Cor. Clinton and Jackson Sts., Chicago, Ill.
For sale by John Lamparter & Co., 381 S. Howard St., and Inman Bros., East Akron

No Place For These.

Mrs. Gertrude Wenderly in prison because her fine was unpaid, was seized by an epileptic fit Monday night and was sent home. Geo. Mahar was released for the same reason. Paul Brown was sent to the infirmary from the City Prison on account of his having such a fit Monday night.

NEARLY

All Teachers to be Re-Elected.

Recommended to Board Tuesday Night.

Kindergartens Will be Maintained

And the Age Limit Reduced—A Swearing Janitor.

Teachers for the public schools during next year were recommended to the Board of Education in executive session Tuesday night by the Committee on Teachers and Salaries. The recommendations will be acted upon at the next meeting of the Board, which will be in two weeks. Until then no information will be given the public relative to the recommendations of the committee.

A member of the Board, however, stated to a reporter for the Democrat that not more than half a dozen changes in the corps of teachers would be made. During the past year the teachers and superintendent have worked in harmony, and the result obtained is such that the Board will be glad to retain all the teachers. It is stated that such resignations as have been received by the committee were given voluntarily by teachers.

AS TO KINDERGARTENS.

Upon motion of Mr. Frese, the proposition to reduce the age limit of kindergarten pupils and continuing the work of this department was referred to the Schools and Discipline committee. Members of this committee are: Messrs. Shabaugh, Kelley and Kingsbury.

It was unanimously decided to continue this department, to enlarge it if found necessary, and make such other changes as suggest themselves as being for the good of this work. Supt. Hotchkiss and members of the Board are in favor of the kindergarten department, and it is likely that the age limit will be reduced, so that pupils will receive not less than a year's instruction in this department. At present the age limit is from five and a half to six years, and it will be reduced to five years, and perhaps even lower.

A SWEARING JANITOR.

Mr. Kelley reported that he had been informed a janitor of one of the city schools was a confirmed swearer, and he presented a motion that the Committee on Janitors investigate the report. The motion was adopted. Mr. Kelley did not mention the janitor's name, but if it is proven that he has

SOCIETY LADIES

Use Peruna for Catarrhal Derangements.



Mrs. C. H. Buck, 223 Douglas street, Omaha, Neb., writes:
"I have used Peruna and can cheerfully recommend it as being the best remedy for catarrh and general debility that I have ever used." Yours gratefully,
Mrs. C. H. Buck.

Peruna is applicable to catarrh of any mucous surface of the body in all stages. From the slightest catarrhal attack or cold to the most chronic or pronounced case of hypertrophic form Peruna is specific.

Men and women are subject to catarrh. Women are even more subject to catarrh than men. This is due to many causes. The chief cause is the delicacy of her organism, as compared to man. The extreme sensitiveness of the mucous lining of every organ of a woman's body is well known to physicians. This explains why, in part at least, so few women are entirely free from catarrh. A vast multitude of women have found Peruna an indispensable remedy.

"Health and Beauty," a book treating on diseases peculiar to women, sent free to any address by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Helen Murphy, a popular society woman of Oshkosh, Wis., is an ardent friend to Peruna. The following is a letter written by Miss Murphy, and gives her opinion of Peruna as a preventive as well as cure for catarrhal ailments:

OSHKOSH, WIS.
The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.:
Gentlemen—"About three months ago I contracted a severe cold at an evening reception, which settled on my lungs and threatened to be very serious. As my mother has used Peruna with good results, she sent for a bottle for me and I found that it gave me blessed relief. Before the second bottle was consumed I was well."

"We keep a bottle of it on hand all the time and when I have been out in inclement weather, I take a dose or two of Peruna and it prevents my taking any cold and keeps me perfectly well." Yours very truly,
Helen Murphy.

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Miss Lillian Roehndel, a graduate from the Conservatory of Music, Paris, is the violin soloist of the Chicago Germania Club. Miss Roehndel used Peruna as a tonic, when run down by overwork. She speaks of it in the following glowing terms:

CHICAGO, ILL.
The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.:
Gentlemen—"I cannot give too great praise to Peruna. Last winter my nervous system became so overtaxed from constant overwork with my violin that my right side seemed partially paralyzed."

"I naturally became very anxious and consulted my physician. After giving me a couple of prescriptions without effect, he advised me to try Peruna, and I am glad to say it effected a speedy and permanent cure."

"Although the past year has been a severe tax on me Peruna has kept me strong and vigorous." Yours truly,
Lillian Roehndel.

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been swearing in the presence of pupils, he will be discharged. This action of the Board will keep all the janitors in a state of uneasiness until the guilty one is named.

NO POLICE POWER.

The Board voted down the motion presented some weeks ago to give janitors police authority about the school buildings and grounds.

CLAIMS ORDERED PAID.

Payroll	\$11,990.96
Hall & Harter	7.50
Andress & Johnson Co.	1,500.00
Geo. W. Carmichael & Co.	3,765.00
Gordon & Runyon	2,050.00
Edwin Myers	10.00
Akron Water Works Co.	45.63
Eugene Dietzen Co.	10.80
Akron Printing Co.	67.25
O. D. Capron	3.00
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.	1.93
Prang Educational Co.	9.00
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	1.75
American Crayon Co.	12.00
Geo. W. Harter	3.00
Gulliford & Co.	4.25
Rohrbacher & Allen	1.50
Morgan & Bunnell Co.	9.30
Wm. Myers	10.00
M. Derrig	29.95

NOTES.

Mr. S. F. Foust has filed an application for a position as janitor.

The request of Mr. P. P. Cherry for permission to deliver temperance talks in some of the outlying school buildings, was refused. He expected to charge an admission fee of 15 cents. Supt. Hotchkiss was authorized to

announce to the teachers that next week will be observed as the spring vacation.

The clerk reported that cash on hand amounted to \$56,495.79.

A communication from Mr. John T. Howes stated that he would sell the Board a quarter of an acre of land adjoining the Chestnut Grove school for \$400. Referred to the Building committee.

Mr. Hartzell was authorized to purchase some fertilizer and lawn seed for use on school grounds.

A bill for \$81.50, presented by the Standard Hardware Co., was held up during the year, and a more specific statement is desired.

The present Board of Education will hold two more meetings—one to elect teachers, and the other to close up pending business and adjourn sine die.

BROKEN RAM.

Hametown Man Injured—Personal and Social Items.

(Special Correspondence.)

Hametown, March 26.—Mrs. Mor-ton and daughter Frances, visited in Akron last week.

Mr. M. Martin and family of Akron, spent Sunday with Miss Katie Lantzen-hiser.

Mr. Thomas Williams and family of Cleveland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Jones, Sunday.

There will be a social at the home of Mr. A. Hunsicker next Saturday evening.

Miss Minnie Miner and Mrs. Fred Miner visited with Mrs. Levi Dutt of Western Star, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baughman, spent Sunday with their nephew, John Baylor, who is suffering from a broken arm.

Miss McCoy of Wadsworth was the guest of Miss Della Boden a few days last week.

Miss Jennie Morgan of Akron, spent Sunday with her parents.

Aaron Baughman visited with Wadsworth friends Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. VanDeusen, of Kilbourn, Wis., was afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation for a long time. She says: "I have tried many preparations but none have done me the good that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have." These Tablets are for sale at all drug stores. Price 25 cents. Samples free. E. Steinbacher & Co., wholesale agents.

Expected to Settle.

Havana, March 23.—(Spl.)—Gonzola De Quesada will present a compromise report on the Platt amendment to the Cuban committee on foreign relations today, with the approval of Senator Proctor, which is expected to solve all difficulties.

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